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Capital master plan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, section II of its resolution 57/292 of 20 December 2002 and its decision 58/566 of 8 April 2004,

1. *Decides* to convert 17,802,000 United States dollars of the existing commitment authority into an appropriation with assessment for the year 2005 and to renew the existing commitment authority for the balance of 8,198,000 dollars for the year 2006 so as to provide for the continuation of design work and related project management and management of pre-construction services for the baseline scope and scope options of the capital master plan;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixtieth session on all aspects of the capital master plan, including:

(a) Current estimate of costs and time line for implementation of the capital master plan;

(b) Viable options for swing space during construction, including the costs of all such options;

(c) The status of UNDC-5;

(d) An assessment on the viability of constructing a permanent building on the North Lawn of the premises of United Nations Headquarters to be used as a swing and/or consolidation space;

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(e) The range of financing options for the capital master plan and overall cost and full analysis of such options, taking into account that direct assessment would be the simplest and cheapest option for meeting the costs of the capital master plan, as stated in the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the oral report by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(f) The progress of design and pre-construction work;

(g) Proposals on a working reserve fund;

3. *Decides* to revert to the issue of the capital master plan before the end of June 2005, including the relevant proposals contained in paragraph 39 of the report of the Secretary-General, not addressed in the present resolution, pertaining to the offer of the host country on an interest-bearing loan for the capital master plan.

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[1] A/59/441/Add.1.

[2] A/C.5/59/SR.54.